

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 2, line 6, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

It is an object of the present invention to provide an effective, inexpensive cover that can be quickly and easily installed on the track ~~on~~ of a track driven work construction vehicle.

On page 2, line 8, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

It is another object of the present invention to provide such a cover that securely attaches to the track and cannot be easily detached when the track vehicle is transported on a trailer or the flatbed of a truck.

On page 2, lines 15, 17, and 18, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This and other objects of the present invention are met by a track cover that includes an elongated body designed to cover the side opening and exposed top and end surfaces of the track. Attached to the lower edge of the elongated body is a durable mat that is placed over the area on the trailer or flatbed where the tracks on the vehicle are driven. During use, two track covers are selected with their mats longitudinally aligned on opposite sides of the trailer or flatbed. The tracks on the track vehicle are driven over the mats so that the weight of the vehicle holds the two track covers on the trailer or flatbed. The two elongated bodies which hang downward over the sides of the trailer or flatbed are then pulled upward over the side openings and exposed surfaces of the adjacent track. Attached to the upper[5] front and rear edges on each elongated body is a plurality of straps designed to extend transversely over

1 the track to securely hold the elongated body over the exposed surfaces. Optional pleats may
2 be formed in the elongated body that enables the elongated body to selectively conform to
3 tracks having different sizes and shapes.

4 On page 3, line 4, please replace the paragraph with the following amended
5 paragraph:

6 Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the track cover attached to ~~cover~~ a track.

7 On page 3, line 9, please replace the paragraph with the following amended
8 paragraph:

9 Fig. 6 is a sectional side elevational view of the mat ~~and [] the belt []~~ and body.

10 On pages 3 - 4, lines 17, 18, 22, 23, and 1 please replace the paragraph with the
11 following amended paragraph:

12 Referring to the accompanying Figures, there is shown and described a track cover 10
13 designed to be quickly and easily installed on a wide range of construction vehicles 90 with
14 ~~the~~ tracks 92 to prevent dirt, gravel, and other debris, generally referenced as 100, from being
15 thrown from the track 92 onto the roadway 67 while being transported behind a ~~hauling~~ the
16 construction vehicle 90. The track cover 10 includes a flexible, elongated body 20 designed
17 to fit closely over the side opening 93 and exposed top and end surfaces 95, 96 of the track
18 92. Attached to the lower edge 24 of the elongated body 20 is a durable mat 40 that, during
19 use, is placed over the path on the trailer bed where a track 92 is driven, as shown in Fig. 5.
20 Elastic ~~cords~~ straps 60 attached at one end to the inside edge 97 of the track 92, extend over
21 the track 92 and connect at one end to the perimeter edges 22 on the elongated body 20 to
22 hold the elongated body 20 in place on the track 92, thereby, keeping dislodged gravel, mud
23 and debris 100 from falling into the roadway 67.

1 On page 4, line 15 please replace the paragraph with the following amended
2 paragraph:

3 Attached or sewn to the perimeter edges 22 of the upper [1] ~~and~~ middle, and side
4 sections 21, 25, 26, 27 respectively, and to the lower edge 28 is a durable web belt 30
5 designed to provide a durable edge that resists wear. In the preferred embodiment the web
6 belt 30 is made of flexible nylon and is approximately two inches wide.

7 On pages 4 - 5, lines 23, 2, 4, and 5 please replace the paragraph with the following
8 amended paragraph:

9 Evenly spaced apart along the perimeter edges 22 of the upper [1] ~~and~~ middle [1]
10 ~~sections~~ and side sections 21, 25, 26, 27 respectively, is a plurality of D-rings 50. During
11 use, elastic ~~eords~~ straps 60 attach to the D-rings 50 and extend transversely over the upper
12 and side sections 21, 26, 27 of the elongated body 20 to hold the track cover 10 in place on a
13 track 92. Attached to the opposite ends of the elastic ~~eords~~ straps 60 are hooks 64 that
14 connect to the D-rings 50 and to the inside edge 97 of the track 92. In the embodiment
15 shown in Figs. 1, the elastic ~~eords~~ straps 60 measure approximately 12 inches when stretched.

16 On page 5, lines 13, and 15 please replace the paragraph with the following amended
17 paragraph:

18 Fig. 8 shows a second embodiment of the track cover 10' that includes an elongated
19 body 20' designed to cover a track 92' with an elevated center axis ~~100~~ 110. The elongated
20 body 20' has a shape that matches the track 92'. The elongated body 20' also includes an
21 optional slot 55[?] designed to receive a structural member (not shown) that extends laterally
22 from the track 92'.

23 On pages 5 - 6, lines 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 2 please replace the paragraph

1 with the following amended paragraph:

2 In use, two track covers 10 are selected and longitudinally aligned and placed on
3 opposite sides of the trailer or flatbed 75. The two mats 40 are longitudinally aligned and
4 placed on opposite sides of the trailer ~~of~~ or flatbed 75. The two elongated bodies 20 extend
5 downward over the sides of the trailer or ~~truck~~ flatbed 75. The track vehicle ~~90~~ 70 is driven
6 onto the trailer ~~75~~ or flatbed 75, so that the two tracks 92 are located directly over the two
7 mats 40. The weight of the track vehicle ~~90~~ 70 holds the mats 40 on the trailer ~~75~~ or flatbed
8 75. The two elongated bodies 20 are then pulled upward and extended over the side opening
9 93 [.] ~~and~~ exposed top [.] and end surfaces 95, 96 of the tracks 92 and then secured by
10 attaching the hooks 64 of the elastic ~~cords~~ straps 60 to the D-rings 50 and inside edge 97 of
11 the track 92.